

spending bill as an example of why the line-item veto isn't a good idea. I firmly disagree. The line item veto has accomplished exactly what those of us who spent years bringing it about intended—it has brought greater accountability and sunshine to the process of spending the taxpayers' money. And it has provided a real opportunity for saving more than one point \$2 billion. Sure, in the cynical world of budgeteers and inside-the-beltway types, that may seem like a rounding error—but to the American people, \$1.2 billion is serious money. And there's more to come, I am sure. I share with many of my colleagues some disappointment that this President did not spend more time and take more care in developing sound criteria and preparing to use the powerful new tool we delegated to him in the form of the line-item veto. But I remain firmly committed to the idea that we did the right thing by implementing the line-item veto—and I hope this exercise of override will chasten the administration to think first and line item second during the upcoming budget cycle. I urge support for this override effort.

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I am aware that there are others that have come on the floor that want to speak, but in deference to my colleague from North Carolina, who has yielded back the balance of his time, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, Will the House, on reconsideration, pass the bill, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

Under the Constitution, this vote must be determined by the yeas and nays.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 347, nays 69, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 10]

YEAS—347

Abercrombie	Brown (FL)	Danner
Aderholt	Bryant	Davis (IL)
Allen	Bunning	Davis (VA)
Archer	Burr	Deal
Bachus	Buyer	Delahunt
Baesler	Callahan	DeLauro
Baker	Calvert	DeLay
Baldacci	Camp	Diaz-Balart
Ballenger	Campbell	Dicks
Barcia	Canady	Dingell
Barr	Cannon	Dixon
Barrett (NE)	Cardin	Doolittle
Bartlett	Castle	Doyle
Barton	Chambliss	Dreier
Bass	Chenoweth	Dunn
Bateman	Christensen	Edwards
Bentsen	Clay	Ehlers
Bereuter	Clayton	Ehrlich
Berman	Clement	Emerson
Berry	Clyburn	English
Bilbray	Coble	Etheridge
Bilirakis	Coburn	Evans
Bishop	Collins	Everett
Blagojevich	Combest	Farr
Bliley	Condit	Fattah
Blumenauer	Cook	Fawell
Blunt	Cooksey	Fazio
Boehlert	Costello	Foley
Boehner	Cox	Forbes
Bonilla	Coyne	Ford
Bonior	Cramer	Fossella
Borski	Crane	Fowler
Boucher	Crapo	Fox
Boyd	Cubin	Frelinghuysen
Brady	Cummings	Frost
Brown (CA)	Cunningham	Galleghy

Gejdenson	Linder	Rogers
Gekas	Lipinski	Ros-Lehtinen
Gephardt	Livingston	Roukema
Gibbons	LoBiondo	Roybal-Allard
Gilchrest	Lowey	Rush
Gillmor	Lucas	Ryun
Gilman	Maloney (CT)	Sabo
Goode	Maloney (NY)	Sanders
Goodlatte	Manton	Sandlin
Goodling	Manzullo	Sawyer
Gordon	Mascara	Saxton
Goss	Matsui	Scarborough
Graham	McCarthy (NY)	Schaefer, Dan
Granger	McCollum	Schaffer, Bob
Green	McCrery	Schumer
Gutknecht	McDade	Scott
Hall (TX)	McGovern	Serrano
Hamilton	McHale	Sessions
Hansen	McHugh	Shadegg
Hastert	McInnis	Shaw
Hastings (FL)	McIntosh	Shimkus
Hastings (WA)	McIntyre	Shuster
Hayworth	McNulty	Sisisky
Hefley	Meek (FL)	Skeen
Hefner	Menendez	Skelton
Hill	Metcalfe	Slaughter
Hilleary	Mica	Smith (NJ)
Hilliard	Millender-McDonald	Smith (OR)
Hinchey	Miller (CA)	Smith (TX)
Hinojosa	Mink	Smith, Adam
Hobson	Moakley	Smith, Linda
Hoekstra	Mollohan	Snowbarger
Holden	Moran (KS)	Snyder
Hooley	Moran (VA)	Solomon
Horn	Morella	Souder
Hostettler	Murtha	Spence
Houghton	Myrick	Spratt
Hoyer	Nadler	Stabenow
Hulshof	Neal	Stearns
Hunter	Nethercutt	Stenholm
Hutchinson	Ney	Stokes
Hyde	Northup	Stump
Inglis	Norwood	Sununu
Istook	Oberstar	Talent
Jackson (IL)	Obey	Tanner
Jackson-Lee	Olver	Tauscher
(TX)	Ortiz	Tauzin
Jefferson	Oxley	Taylor (MS)
Jenkins	Packard	Taylor (NC)
John	Pallone	Thomas
Johnson (CT)	Pappas	Thompson
Johnson, E. B.	Parker	Thornberry
Johnson, Sam	Pascarell	Thune
Jones	Pastor	Thurman
Kaptur	Paul	Tiahrt
Kasich	Paxon	Tierney
Kelly	Pease	Torres
Kennedy (MA)	Pelosi	Traficant
Kennedy (RI)	Peterson (MN)	Turner
Kennelly	Peterson (PA)	Velazquez
Kildee	Pickering	Visclosky
Kilpatrick	Pickett	Walsh
Kim	Pitts	Wamp
King (NY)	Pombo	Waters
Kingston	Pomeroy	Watkins
Kleccka	Portman	Watt (NC)
Knochenberg	Poshard	Watts (OK)
Kolbe	Price (NC)	Weldon (FL)
Kucinich	Pryce (OH)	Weldon (PA)
LaFalce	Quinn	Weller
LaHood	Radanovich	Weygand
Lampson	Rahall	White
Lantos	Redmond	Whitfield
Largent	Regula	Wicker
Latham	Reyes	Wise
LaTourette	Riggs	Wolf
Lazio	Riley	Woolsey
Levin	Rodriguez	Young (AK)
Lewis (CA)	Roemer	Young (FL)
Lewis (GA)	Rogan	
Lewis (KY)		

NAYS—69

Ackerman	Engel	Luther
Andrews	Ensign	Markey
Barrett (WI)	Ewing	Martinez
Boswell	Filner	McCarthy (MO)
Brown (OH)	Frank (MA)	McDermott
Carson	Franks (NJ)	McKinney
Chabot	Ganske	Meehan
Conyers	Greenwood	Miller (FL)
Davis (FL)	Gutierrez	Minge
DeFazio	Harman	Neumann
DeGette	Johnson (WI)	Nussle
Deutsch	Kanjorski	Owens
Dickey	Kind (WI)	Payne
Doggett	Klug	Petri
Dooley	Leach	Ramstad
Duncan	Lofgren	Rangel

Rivers	Sensenbrenner	Stupak
Rohrabacher	Shays	Towns
Rothman	Sherman	Upton
Royce	Skaggs	Vento
Salmon	Smith (MI)	Waxman
Sanchez	Stark	Wexler
Sanford	Strickland	Yates

NOT VOTING—14

Armey	Furse	McKeon
Becerra	Gonzalez	Porter
Burton	Hall (OH)	Schiff
Dellums	Herger	Wynn
Eshoo	Klink	

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Ms. LOFGREN and Messrs. SHAYS, SALMON, MARKEY and GREENWOOD changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mrs. MALONEY of Connecticut and Messrs. NADLER, RUSH and PALLONE changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So, two-thirds having voted in favor thereof, the bill was passed, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). The Clerk will notify the Senate of the action of the House.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, because of official business I was not present for Roll Call votes 7, 8, 9, and 10. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each of these votes.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 10, I was unavoidably detained making remarks to a business association headquartered in downtown Washington and was, for that reason, not present for the vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, on roll calls #8, #9, and #10, I was unavoidably absent because of activities connected with this morning's National Prayer Breakfast. Had I been present, I would have voted nay on roll call #8—ordering the previous question on H. Res. 348; nay on roll call #9—final passage of H.R. 2846; and yea on roll call #10—final passage of H.R. 2631. I ask unanimous consent that this explanation be placed at the appropriate part of the RECORD.

(Mr. DELLUMS asked and was given permission to speak out of order for 5 minutes.)

#### FAREWELL SPEECH OF THE HONORABLE RONALD V. DELLUMS.

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, it is with an incredibly heavy heart that I take the well of the House of Representatives today because this will be the last time that I will do this.

I have served in these chambers for 27 years, and it has been an extraordinary honor and high privilege to serve with all of my colleagues here.

I came to Congress in January of 1971, against the backdrop of a very tumultuous era in the history of this country. The civil rights movement, the struggle for the liberation of many oppressed and downtrodden people in this country, the struggle for the liberation of women, peace in Vietnam, the notion that peace was a superior idea to war, the concern for the fragile nature of our ecological system. I came at a very unique era, at a very interesting and tumultuous period in this country.

I had to try to make sense out of all the music and anger and pain that I heard in Oakland and Berkeley and in the Bay area and in the country at that time. I was not to know that Berkeley and Oakland, in the mind's eye of many people, was so extraordinary and that when people wanted to lash out at what they thought Berkeley represented at that period in American history, they could not lash out at an abstract idea or at a city, but they could lash out at that person that was the representative of that community.

But I am just a guy. And if you hit me, I hurt; and if you cut me, I bleed. And there were many times when you hit me hard and you cut me deep. And there were times when I went to my office at night and sometimes in the dark, with tears in my eyes, I would pray to just have the strength to march back to the floor of the United States Congress with my pride and my dignity and to continue to try to fight back.

Over the years, I tried to extend to every one of my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, the greatest respect that I could give you, and that is to give you my undivided attention, to listen to you.

Well, a couple nights ago my colleagues had a special order. And it was about me, so I listened with great care. The first thing I want to tell you is that one thing I thought is, no matter how old you are, you are always your mother's boy. And I sat here thinking, I wonder if my mom is watching.

The first person that called me when I got home was my mom. She was watching. And she asked me to thank all of you for your kind and generous remarks. And I thank you because you made my mother feel great pride and great joy, and thank you for that.

You used many adjectives. You said, "He is the fairest guy I ever worked with." Well, I was fair because I think that this process cannot function without fairness, that the cornerstone of this institution, what makes a representative democracy real, what makes this at the end of the day the people's branch of Government, is that it has to be rooted in the essence of fairness.

And when I first walked in the door, I was not often treated fairly. But I recognized that, as Martin Luther King, Jr., taught me, was that I could not be the flip side of the same coin, that I had to be willing to try to take

the moral high ground, to not respond in the way that people responded to me. So I leaned over backwards to be fair. Because if this place is to be about anything, it has to be about fairness.

Some of you, in your accolades, used the term "integrity." The reason why over the years I insisted that the process have integrity is because, without it, I recognized that the ideas that I came to espouse, the constituency that I represented, their hopes and their dreams and aspirations would never have a chance unless the process had integrity.

So the reason why I was willing to stand in defense of the most junior Democrat, the most junior Republican, or to make sure that the most conservative Member had the right to speak out was because to deny that person the right to speak was to diminish myself and to deny me the right to speak. And for me not to challenge any of you on the basis of your ideology and your philosophy in terms of your ability to have input meant that I was acquiescing to anyone denying me, based upon my political views, an opportunity to speak.

This institution cannot function without fairness and without justice. And, so, I tried to do that. There have been times in these chambers when pettiness, challenges of personality, and partisanship have been the order of the day.

Some of my colleagues said rarely have they ever heard DELLUMS take the well as a partisan. You know why? Because I came to realize early on that campaigning had to take place outside these chambers, that once we walked onto the floor of Congress, the dynamic changed, the paradigm changed. At that point, it was not about campaigning and politicking; it was about the incredible responsibility of governance.

And irrespective of your political views, we have to find some way to come here intellectually, honest enough to say, how do we now, based upon the judgments of the people, with far-ranging perspectives, interests and views, manage to govern this country.

Too often, we have fallen apart at that level.

Some of you said to me, "Ron is about ideas and not about personalities." At the end the day, my friends, it is never about personalities. We spend a lot of time attacking each other at the level of personalities.

For any of you where, in the fit of battle, you ever even interpreted that I came personally, I take this moment to profusely apologize to you. It was never about personal battles. It has always been about ideas. Individuals come and go, but ideas must ultimately transcend, and ideas must ultimately prevail.

It has been an incredible honor to serve in the House of Representatives. Incredible. Late night talk show hosts' jokes notwithstanding, it has been a privilege to serve here, an honor to serve here. To get up every day and put

on your uniform and put on your tie and march to the floor of Congress knowing that, in your hands, in that card, in your very being, you have life and death in your hands, it is an incredible thing.

Try not to take RON DELLUMS too seriously. I am just a guy. But I always took my job with deadly seriousness.

There were times when a few of us almost went nose to nose. And people said, "RON, you are a man of peace. How could you be angry?" I said, "I am a man of peace; but I didn't necessarily say I was always a peaceful man. You can make me angry."

But I learned something. I met an incredible man. His name was Nelson Mandela. His strength, coming after 20 some years in prison, I recognized that his strength and his power laid in his tranquility.

I said, "Here is a man that has learned to harness his anger, to discipline his pain, to harness his desire to retaliate." I said, "That is what I need to try to move myself toward, the ability to discipline and harness and challenge the anger so that, ultimately, it is one of constructive engagement with people around problem solving."

I leave here not as a cynic. And there have been days when this place has been at an all-time low, we all know this, but I do not leave cynical. I leave with my idealism and my enthusiasm intact because, when you look around, each of us have had the privilege of walking to the floor of Congress with the total freedom to express ourselves across whatever lines divide us, to say whatever we felt was important to say. That is an incredible gift, and I am privileged to have had that opportunity to have that gift.

For those of you who stop long enough to try to see me in more than one dimension, thank you. For those of you who stop long enough to embrace me as a friend, thank you. For those of you who came together with me in the spirit of battle, to try to right the wrongs, to challenge the evils, to make this world a better place for our children and our children's children, thank you. For those of you who each day just said, hi, RON, thank you.

I leave you with just one challenge. Continue to battle on behalf of the people.

I raise the question that I raised once with the Speaker GINGRICH. I said, Mr. GINGRICH, if we are successful in tearing down this institution, what podium do I mount to advocate on behalf of my constituency?

So let us be guided by wisdom and judgment.

You call me civil. Well, I came from a generation that was in a hurry. I walked in the door. I wanted to kick the door in and bring change immediately.

My generation said, peace, when do you want it? Now. Freedom, when do you want it? Now. So I was impatient. But you folks taught me the two most

incredible lessons of life, the lesson of patience and the lesson of humility.

You forced me to have to walk up and down that Hill 27 years in a row fighting the same old battles. You taught me that I was not a cocky dude, that one guy against 434 could change the world. But if we care about each other and we respect each other and we respect this incredible opportunity we have, together we can change the world.

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I learned a concept called homeostasis when I was in college, which said that institutions manage to find a way to come into balance. Well, a member of the Gray Caucus is leaving, and the good Judge from Florida grew a gray beard, so the House is in balance on that issue. An old guy is leaving, and a young African-American is coming to be sworn in today. This institution is in homeostasis.

Thank you for caring; thank you for the privilege of working with you. It has been the most incredible and high honor of my life, and I hope that whatever life has in store for me beyond today will be a fraction of the excitement, the enthusiasm and the thrill of serving in this institution.

Thank you very much.

#### CALL OF THE HOUSE

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I move a call of the House.

A call of the House was ordered.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 11]

#### ANSWERED "PRESENT"—356

Abercrombie	Camp	Doggett
Ackerman	Campbell	Doolittle
Aderholt	Canady	Doyle
Allen	Cannon	Dreier
Andrews	Cardin	Duncan
Army	Carson	Edwards
Bachus	Castle	Ehlers
Baker	Chabot	Ehrlich
Baldacci	Chambliss	Emerson
Ballenger	Chenoweth	Engel
Barcia	Christensen	Ensign
Barr	Clayton	Etheridge
Barrett (NE)	Clement	Everett
Barrett (WI)	Clyburn	Ewing
Bartlett	Coburn	Farr
Barton	Combest	Fattah
Bass	Condit	Fazio
Bateman	Conyers	Filner
Bentsen	Cook	Foley
Bereuter	Cooksey	Forbes
Berman	Costello	Fossella
Berry	Cox	Fowler
Bilbray	Cramer	Fox
Billirakis	Crane	Franks (NJ)
Bishop	Crapo	Frelinghuysen
Blagojevich	Cubin	Furse
Bliley	Cummings	Gejdenson
Blumenauer	Cunningham	Gephardt
Boehlert	Davis (FL)	Gibbons
Boehner	Davis (IL)	Gilchrest
Bonilla	Davis (VA)	Gillmor
Borski	DeFazio	Gilman
Boswell	DeGette	Goode
Brady	Delahunt	Goodlatte
Brown (CA)	DeLauro	Goodling
Brown (FL)	Dellums	Gordon
Brown (OH)	Deutsch	Goss
Bryant	Dickey	Graham
Bunning	Dicks	Green
Callahan	Dingell	Greenwood
Calvert	Dixon	Gutierrez

Gutknecht	McCarthy (NY)	Royce
Hall (OH)	McCollum	Rush
Hall (TX)	McDade	Ryun
Hamilton	McDermott	Sabo
Hansen	McGovern	Salmon
Harman	McHale	Sanchez
Hastings (FL)	McIntosh	Sanders
Hastings (WA)	McIntyre	Sandlin
Hayworth	McKinney	Sanford
Hefley	McNulty	Sawyer
Hefner	Meehan	Saxton
Hill	Meek (FL)	Schaffer, Bob
Hilleary	Menendez	Schumer
Hilliard	Metcalfe	Scott
Hinchee	Mica	Sensenbrenner
Hinojosa	Millender-McDonald	Serrano
Hobson	Miller (CA)	Sessions
Hoekstra	Miller (FL)	Shadegg
Hooley	Minge	Shaw
Horn	Mink	Shays
Hostettler	Moakley	Sherman
Hoyer	Mollohan	Shimkus
Hulshof	Moran (KS)	Shuster
Inglis	Moran (VA)	Sisisky
Istook	Morella	Skaggs
Jackson (IL)	Murtha	Skelton
Jackson-Lee	Nadler	Slaughter
(TX)	Neal	Smith (NJ)
Jefferson	Nethercutt	Smith (TX)
Jenkins	Neumann	Smith, Adam
John	Ney	Smith, Linda
Johnson (WI)	Northup	Snowbarger
Johnson, E. B.	Norwood	Snyder
Johnson, Sam	Oberstar	Souder
Jones	Obey	Spence
Kanjorski	Olver	Spratt
Kaptur	Ortiz	Stabenow
Kasich	Owens	Stearns
Kelly	Packard	Stenholm
Kennedy (MA)	Pallone	Stokes
Kennelly	Pappas	Strickland
Kildee	Pascarell	Stump
Kilpatrick	Pastor	Stupak
Kim	Paul	Sununu
Kind (WI)	Paxon	Talent
King (NY)	Payne	Tanner
Kingston	Pease	Tauscher
Klecza	Pelosi	Tauzin
Klug	Peterson (PA)	Thompson
Knollenberg	Petri	Thornberry
Kolbe	Pickering	Thune
Kucinich	Pickett	Tiahrt
LaFalce	Pitts	Tierney
LaHood	Pombo	Torres
Lampson	Pomeroy	Towns
Lantos	Porter	Traficant
Largent	Portman	Turner
Latham	Poshard	Upton
Lazio	Price (NC)	Velazquez
Leach	Pryce (OH)	Vento
Levin	Quinn	Visclosky
Lewis (CA)	Radanovich	Walsh
Lewis (GA)	Rahall	Wamp
Lewis (KY)	Ramstad	Waters
Linder	Rangel	Watt (NC)
Lipinski	Redmond	Watts (OK)
Livingston	Regula	Waxman
LoBiondo	Reyes	Weldon (FL)
Lofgren	Riley	Wexler
Lowey	Rivers	Weygand
Lucas	Rodriguez	White
Maloney (CT)	Roemer	Whitfield
Maloney (NY)	Rogan	Wicker
Manton	Rogers	Wise
Manzullo	Rohrabacher	Wolf
Markey	Rothman	Woolsey
Martinez	Roukema	Young (FL)
Matsui	Roybal-Allard	
McCarthy (MO)		

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROGAN). On this rollcall, 356 Members have recorded their presence by electronic device, a quorum.

Under the rule, further proceedings under the call are dispensed with.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, February 4, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of letter received from Mr. Thomas R. Wilkey, Executive Director, State Board of Elections, State of New York, indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special Election held February 3, 1998, the Honorable Gregory Meeks was elected Representative in Congress for the Sixth Congressional District, State of New York.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,  
Clerk.

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,  
Albany, NY, February 4, 1998.

ROBIN H. CARLE,  
Clerk, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. CARLE: Enclosed please find the unofficial results of the Special Election held in the 6th Congressional District of New York on Tuesday, February 3, 1998. The results appear to indicate that candidate Gregory Meeks will be the apparent winner.

The Board of Canvassers will be meeting on Tuesday, February 24 to officially certify the official results, and you will be provided with an official certification at that time.

Sincerely,

THOMAS R. WILKEY,  
Executive Director.

#### SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE GREGORY W. MEEKS, OF NEW YORK, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from New York, Mr. GREGORY W. MEEKS, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest, and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS), the Member-elect, along with the Members of the New York delegation come forward and will the Members please stand.

Mr. MEEKS appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the Congress of the United States.